

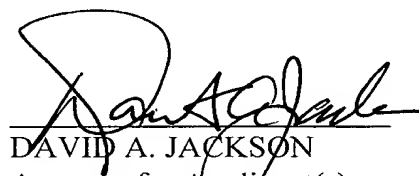
REMARKS

The above amendments are submitted herewith to reduce multiple dependencies and to conform the claims more closely to U.S. practice.

The amendments made herein are with respect to Claims 1-10 which were the amendment of Claims 1-10 submitted during the pendency of the International Application. The amended claims were received by the International Office on September 29, 1998 and are included in the International Preliminary Examination Report. A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report is enclosed herewith for your reference.

Entry of the foregoing amendments and early and favorable processing in the National Phase before the United States Patent and Trademark Office is courteously solicited.

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